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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were pending in the present application. Claims 2-6, 11, and 12 have been amended and Claims 15-16 have been canceled, leaving Claims 1-14 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment.

Claims 2-6 have been amended so that various recitations of "cam follower link assembly", "cam follower link", "first rocker arm assembly", "first rocker link", "first rocker arm" are consistent. Similar changes were made to Claims 11 and 12 with respect to a second link arm. It is believed the amendments made herein may be properly entered at this time, i.e., after final rejection, because the amendments do not require a new search or raise new issues and they reduce issues for appeal. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Objections to Claims 2-5

The objection to Claims 2-5 has been rendered moot. The above noted claims have been amended for the purpose of better defining the invention as requested by the Examiner. No presumption should therefore attach that the claims have been narrowed over those earlier presented or that the subject matter or equivalents thereof to which the Applicants are entitled has been surrendered.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and place the application in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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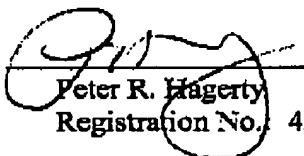
If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' Attorneys.

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